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LOST ROSIE:

It was a mud-daubed cabin, but so overgrown with the dark green foliage and crimson, yellow-throated blossoms of scarlet haw bush and flashed away, startled by her cry of "Rosie," but no pretty treble pipped, "Here I am, sister," in answer to her call.

Have you seen Rosie?" was her question as he stood before her, his homespun

"Seen Rosie? No, not since she brought me my canteen of fresh water this morning. She came back hom,e though. I saw her runnin' a race with Wolf clear

away awhile ago when I was talking to some one, and I haven't seen her since." "Talkin' to Zumy Karlse, I 'spose. I saw him comin' this way, riding that mustang like the mad devil he is."

"It's no matter whom I was talking to Rosie is gone, and she must be found right away. We must go and hunt her. Take Wolf with you, he will help us

the child. He always follows her, you know. Oh, she is safe enough; if thing had happened to her, you'd have Wolf back here howling like a pack of

"I cannot trust to that; I feel as if something was wrong with her. She never does go farther than her little grapevine swing there in the bottom, and ays comes when I call. You remember little Pierre Verne, who was missing last year and never found, and the couple

They went down the throat of the "They went down the throat of the Black Devil," Jules said, referring to an overgrown alligator that was known to haunt a neighboring bayou, but whose haunt a neighboring bayou, but whose scaly hide, mossed and thickened by many winters, seemed bullet-proof, since frequent shots from rifle and mus-ket had no other effect than to render him more cunning and more rarely to be seen. "But Rosie would never go so far as the bayou; more likely she's dropped

the child's grapevine swing. But the tiny thread of water was too shallow to drown even five-year-old Rosic, who often waded in it ankle deep. The brother and sister now carefully followed its course for several hundred yards up and

The nearest neighbors lived a mile away, but Maline had a faint hope that the child had gone to the house of one of these-a hope that was disappointed when they reached the first cabin, where the cows were being milked for the evening, and the children and dogs were fighting over the former's supper of clab-ber and bread poured into a cotton-wood

ors, their hearts were tender, and they roused at once with keen interest and pity at the story that orphan Rosie was missing. Remembering their own little Pierre, who went out last year to gather dewberries and never was heard of afterward, the Vernes turned out their whole capable force, male and female, to hunt for the lost child, followed by a small army of dogs, and intending to collect knots, as soon as it became dusk, and continue the search until the lost was found.

divided so as to search both its soft, mud-dy banks up and down for foot-prints or joined by other neighbors and formed themselves into a cordon, searching the woods in every direction within a circuit of several miles around Rosie's home No wild beasts other than harmless rac coons and opossums were known to lurk in the neighborhood, but the party of searchers stopped long and held their flaming torches of resinous pine over the deep, black water-hole under a steep overhanging bank, where the alligator to have his hiding-place. As the day approached, the cordon gradually narrowed until, as the sun rose, they stood before the lost child's cabin home, still and smokeless, and with no sign of life about it. Again the woods rang with the name they had echoed so often during the night, and Maline went up to the cabin, scarcely daring to hope that the child might have returned during the

But the bed was untouched, the little room empty, and Rosie's wooden doll lyfloor, brought a fresh pang to the girl, who had been mother and sister both to the little one since their parents

The searching party went to their homes to retresh themselves hastily with food before setting out again upon their hunt. Jules went with them, but Maline shook her head in answer to their invitation, and was left alone at the cabin. Unable to be quiet, she went again to all the favorite resorts of Rosie, and carefully went over every foot of ground





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His swarthy skin turned livid.

'You cursed her yesterday; you said

out for 'that brat' that you knew I would

narry you and go with you to the Indian

"I was angry; I said what I did with-

Nation, where you meant to make a for

out a minute's thought. Maline, do you think so mean of me as to suspect I

would hurt a child? Folks have called

bad as this girl that I've asked to be my

wife. Good-bye, Maline; if you can think such a thing of me it's best I never

ee your face again."

He drove the spurs in his horse's sides

and dashed on, but at a little distance he

stopped and looked back to say:
"I'll find the child, if she's above

yourself to death."

ground or beneath it. Don't be fretting

An hour after he left, Maline had shut

up her little home and was on her way to seek supernatural aid in the search for

"I had a dream night before last, she thought. "It must have meant some-thing, for I waked up scared and wild-

like, and never slept any more. I dreamed we were walking on the old log bridge over the bayou, and on a sudden I

missed Rosie from my side. I looked down and saw a big black hand held up

through the logs. Maybe that means a

say he can find lost things, as well as take the charm off of conjured and poi-

Hope buoyed her weary steps, and she

walked rapidly to the conjurer's hut, two

miles away. Hid under great live-oak

closed door was festooned an enormous

stuffed rattlesnake, the mouth wide open

and the hooked fangs looking frightfully life-like. Old Kountz was long in open-

ing the door, and when at last he drew it

cautiously back on its wooden hinges and

stood before her, Maline shrank at the

sight of the hideous apparition. The

heavy, squat figure, partly enveloped in an old torn garment of shaggy gray cloth, like the coat of a dog or a wild

beast, the legs bare and mangy-looking, the great splay feet bare and covered

jaw, and a double row of yellow, animal-looking teeth. His woolly hair was,

however, gray with age, his face seamed

with wrinkles, and his manners humble

and grinning teeth, encircled his head by

yould have been of cavernous darkness,

but though it was warm weather, there

were lighted pine-knots on the yawning

mud hearth. Around it Maline saw two

other negroes squatted as if enjoying the

heat, a man and woman, who had come

to consult the conjurer-master with ref-

erence to some relative that had been "hurted" by being "pizened" or "con-

ured." The African wizard put a square

pottle into their hands as Maline stood

waiting, her terror of these disgusting

figures held in check by the purpose for

bring up de pizen or de conjure-hurt,

where's your silber?"

The woman fumbled at a greasy string

around her neck, untied it and took off of it four pieces of silver money, black

with dirt and constant wear. The ape-

like paw of the conjurer closed over them

eyed her sharply a minute, his wrinkled face worked and changed, then he lit his

a live screech-owl from a shelf among

ous head to his ear as one would a watch,

without turning his eyes upon Maline.

"Down by de bayou-by de big double

sh and de old mill-wheel-look dere.

Tracks-boot tracks wid Texas spurs.

Poor petite—poor Rosie!" and he shook his head and was silent. "Is she dead?" Maline cried, starting

up and coming to his side. But not a sound would he utter except to repeat

"Down by de bayou-by de double ash

nd de old mill wheel. Tracks wid Tex-

Maline turned to run from the hut, but

he laid a black paw upon her wrist, peered into her face with his sleepily-

She thought an instant, then snatched

the gay rings from her ears, dropped them into his hand and fled from the horrible den, not stopping until she had

verhung the water, and an old mill-

wheel, washed away in some past freshet,

ay stranded in mud and drift-wood near

en thorough; for there, close to the

"He did it!" she cried, clenching her

hands. "He drowned her to put her out of the way, thinking I would go with

and the impress of a Texas spur.

unning alligator eyes, and said:

"De silber; you forgit dat."

is former words:

is spurs. Poor child?"

negro will help me, and who but old

with her?"

tune."

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herself down upon a log by the road-side spring, and listened for a torturing hour for the signal of horns that would announce the finding of her sister. Listened in vain, till at last her head bayou and your tracks by it. You quick hoof-strokes made her look up to drowned her. God's curses upon you!"
meet the keen blue eyes of young Karlse.
"Maline, are you crazy? What do

mustang. He reined in when he saw her, and lifted his broad-brimmed som-"What's the trouble, little Maline?" e asked, the tenderness of his voice beying the savage aspect of his long beard,

she lifted her head and suddenly pierced him with a look. "You, Zumy Karlse, you know what has become of my sister,' wouldn't have hurt a hair of the little "I, Maline? What should I know of our sister? What have I had to do one's head for my own life. Tell me, how came you to go to the big ash just

> "Black Kountz, the conjurer-master, told me to go there, and that I should find signs."

The Texan gave a low whistle. "I'll speak to that old rascal myself," he said, and then I'll ride back to where I left the searching party, and bring them to drag the bayou where the bonme wild, reckless, outlaw, and all that, but I swear none ever slandered me as net was found."

out speaking.

Karlse rode to the hut of the conjurer, shuffling feet of the African were slow to answer the summons, and when he opened the door his wrinkled features

There was nothing suspicious in the answers he gave to the keen cross-ques-tioning of the Texan. He said, in his broken gutteral, that he had seen in his dream the bonnet lying by the ash tree—the Great Man showed him things in his

his wretched hut, with his black-smoked cob-webbed walls, hung with the skins and teeth of vermin and reptiles, its rag pallet and greasy old chest and table. The bayou was dragged, but without

Kountz, the conjurer doctor, that lives down on the bayou? I'll go to him and get him to tell me where Rosie is. They spoke it, out of compassion for the brother and sister. Night set in with gathering clouds, lightning and the promise of a storm, and the weary party retraced their steps. Karlse alone lingered. Maline had

boughs and trailing moss, the mud hut was scarcely to be discovered. Over the not told the others her suspicion that he was Rosie's murderer, but he knew by the look she gave him when she turned away that she harbored it still. He stood by his horse's head in deep thought a moment, then he mounted and rode back towards the conjurer's cabin. Be-fore it was in sight, he stopped in the midst of a dense thicket, got down from his horse and fastened him securely, and then waited while the twilight deepened fast into dark night, the clouds obscuring the sky, the lightning flashing at intervals, and the rain coming in fitful gusts.

I shall have to slip up on him like sneak-in' up on an old buck at day-break; and first thing to be done, off must come these boots." Suiting the action to the word he pulled off his boots and deposited and insinuating. Around his neck was a string of snake-bones and alligator-teeth, and a stuffed bat, with wings extended them by the tree where his horse was

Then he set out for Kountz's hut, steer way of a crown, while from his ears hung the rattles of the snake. The hut ing his course through the darkness with the judgment of a trained backwoodsman that almost amounts to instinct. No gleam of light came from the hut to around it, he saw that there was no cracl the fire that was sure to be burning insmallest crack and cranny the African hastened to stop with rags or cotton and plaster over with mud. Hid behind the moss-hung limbs of the oak, Karlse saw

> chain in which the padlock was hooked Karlse crept around to the rear of the cabin, and taking out his knife, knelt down and began to cut into the clay that was chinked between the logs of the wall, and was now somewhat softened by the recent rain. Noiselessly, cautiously he worked until he had cut through a section of the clay several inches square. This plug he gradually drew out, using the utmost care to prevent attracting the attention of the black doctor. In this he was removed, and still kneeling, Karlse applied his eye to the aperture and saw the wizard smoking his pipe and mutter-ing to himself before the fire. Presently

and listened attentively.
"Wind blowin' hard-mighty darkorch can't live a minit-white fools gone home, gone to bed-good, jolly night for

then, walking up to the screech-owl, he touched its muffled head, when, fluttering its feathers with a shivering motion, the creature uttered its weird, ghostly cry, whereat the black wizard nodded and laughed hideously, showing his double row of teeth. Then, turning round to the greasy old chest, he proceeded to draw it from its place, and from the part of the dirt floor where it had stood, to turn up a square board that seemed to be a trap-door; for the conjurer let himself down into the hole it had covered, and when he again emerged, scrambling up reached the part of the bayou he had like steps, he had something thrown over spoken of, where a double-trunked ash his shoulder that made the Texan's heart leap and his breath come quick. It was the body of a child—the dead body, as Karlse thought at first, but when the negro placed his burden on a seat against the wall, she sat there propped by her support and he saw that it was Rosic. Her little, delicate face was white as that naked roots of the old tree, and half hid in leaves and mud, lay a tiny pink sunbonnet, that Maline recognized and fixed, as if under a spell, upon the face

bonnet, that Maline recognized and caught up with a cry of anguish. Another glance showed her no child's track, but the print of a man's boot in the mud and the impress of a Texas spur.

of the negro.

"Don t you dar to hollow or speak one word," he said, thrusting his hideous features close to her. "Ef you do dis

ber'll fatten, sure. Ef dat been 'possum her standing at your side yesterday. I dis time; but white chile too 'tubborn. told you what I said about her was notheat all de sooner-dat's all. Dis one's in so hard that an involuntary exclamation among them three little skulls.

of pain escaped her lips.
"Hush!" he hissed, with a horrible

grimace. fixed upon her, and drawing gradually nearer until he paused and stretched out one hand, while with the other he drew out the knife from his breast.

The poor victim sat like a charmed bird or a lamb beneath the butcher, her feast by a heavy crash upon the door from the axe that Karsle had caught the cannibal felt the cold muzzle of a revolver at his head, and he dropped on

hard with disgust and indignation, Karlse tied the wretch securely, fastening his feet and hands together. When this was done, he turned to the child, who sat done, he turned to the child, who sat where she had been placed rigid and

scared out of your wits, poor little one? You are safe now; you shall go home to Jules and Maline."

for he knew those tears had saved the reason, perhaps the life of the child. When he had seen her sitting with dilated eyes and ghastly face, he believed that terror had paralyzed her senses into

as Maline could have done.

"The black man," she whispered at last, as she lay upon his shoulder. "He had a knife; he sharpened it to kill me." "He'll never harm you now, Rosie.
You see where he lies tied on the floor. He'll never have a chance to lay a finger upon you or any other child—the black, inhuman devil!"

"And the snake-the dreadful snake," obbed the child "It was dead; it couldn't bite you.

He picked up the voodoo symbol from

little Rosie? They'll be so glad to see you; they hunted for you everywhere."
"I heard them," whispered the child.
"I heard them once calling my name. It was Maline's voice, and I wanted to answer, but he said if I did the snake would jump at me and bite me, and then he put me in that black hole in the

ground."
"Don't think of it any more. Come, let me carry you home to Maline, before he cries her eyes out. Then I'll come and attend to that lump of African devil-try here, and give him a part of his vote as before, the decision of the Chair

He stooped and carefully examined the knots that secured the cord around Owens against the admission of R. P. he wrists and ankles of the conjuror, and then, carrying Rosie in his arms, he made his way with some little difficulty to the thicket where his horse was tied, and mounted, placing the child before him. A rising moon, nearly full, had now begun to struggle with the clouds Whereas there ex and shed a faint light on the path along which Karles' wiry mustang went, with

heir vain search for the lost child, and stopped with Jules and Maline to com-fort them by their company.

She stopped short as Karlse rode up; in the dim light she did not see his bur-

"It is Rosie-warm and living. call me a murderer again, Maline.

"I will call you my saint-my good angel!" cried the girl, seizing his hand

that went up from the sturdy throats of preside as Speaker, and which met on the kind-hearted Rosie, kissing her and the 28th instant, and claimed to organize shaking her hands till she hid her face in | in the hall of the House of Representa-Maline's bosom. Then they turned to tives. The constitution of South Caro-Karlse, and their joyful utterances changed to exclamations of horror and

the father of little Pierre Verne. "It was that black devil that murdered my child. Come, men, we are wasting time."

When within a quarter of a mile of the ifications of its members.' house, they saw that it was on fire. As they drew nearer, they saw the flames bursting from the roof, and catching the old live oak and the long festoons of to you?" demanded the negro in his gut- moss that waved in the wind like garteral utterance; "nice pap, wid good lands of fire. Either the African, know-hog-grease in it; and I carry down light ing his doom, had managed to roll near for you, and all. You guine to eat now? the hearth and set fire to the house, or else it had caught accidentally from the

Before the house was quite consumed the flames were quenched by a heavy rain, and next morning the charred logs were rolled aside, and the half-consumed I cotch now, an' put in barrel an' feed body of old Kountz dragged out. The dat way, he done fatten pound or two in hole in the dirt-floor of the hut being examined, showed that it led by a short ladder into a kind of cellar ten feet Well, of dey won't eat, dey'll have to be square. Here, among other things, was an old barrel, whose contents being turned out on the wet ground, proved to Pretty good order. Lemme see agin."

With his great, black claws he felt of the child's legs and arms, pinching her white—the bones of little children men stood and looked at them in speech-"he hissed, with a horrible less horror, and the father of Pierre "Hab snake round your neck Verne turned livid and staggered against a tree. The bones were buried, but the remains of the black conjuror were ganize the House, but without a quorum, thrown out to feed the dogs and vultures. in violation of law, in defiance of the A native of Africa brought to the Louisi ana coast when full grown, the wretch the fire, and to hang over it a pot he had retained his cannibal appetite, and had filled with water. Then he took a large knife from the shelf and began to sharpen it. Every now and then he turned to glare at the child, who followed child swinging in her grape-vine swing child swinging in her grape-vine swing near the bank of the stream, and had dedilated eyes like that of a bird or a squir- coyed her a little way where the bushes rel charmed by a snake. He tried the were thicker with the promise of a red

where the little rivulet emptied into the bayou, and where he put Rosie into his boat, that was moored there, and carried her to his hut. He several times attempted to make her eat, wishing to fatten her as he would an opossum before killing and eating her.
The dog Wolf, the child's faithful at-

tendant, who had followed close at the abductor's heels, growling and threaten-ing an attack, Kountz had knocked on the head and sunk in the bayou with a rock-weight attached to his neck, and he had thrown the child's bonnet at the foot from the axe that Karsle had caught of the double ash nearly a mile before of Representatives.

3. That in fact, and ightning. Another heavy blow and the seen the Texan standing there fishing negro confreres that Karlse, was Maline's lover, whom she had refused because she did no wish to desert her little sister. That night's good work, the saving of

the child, the clasp of her little arms about his neck had made Rosie so dear rum. made a lunge at his breast; but the to her deliverer that he would have left Texan caught the knife by a dexterous her no sooner than Maline would, and movement, and twisting it from the black's clutch sent it whirling to the to the Indian Territory, they were other end of the hut. The next instant accompanied by Jules and Rosic, and the child was the life of the party, enjoying the travel and the camping out, liking well her new home, where, as a he had hoped for, and returned a comdrew a stout halter from his pocket and paratively rich man to a more civilized

moveless as a corpse. He took her in THE TRI-PARTITE LEGISLATURE. "Are you hurt anywhere, Rosie?—are High-Handed Usurpation Attempted. INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS IN

> The Senate Investigating the Claim of Both the Legal House and the Bogus Body

The Louisiana Programme not to be carried out except by direct Orders from Washington.

THE SENATE.—The Senate assemble at 12 m. in the Senate Chamber.

The House sent to the Senate a current resolution relative to the canvass of votes of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, to be made at 2 p. m. yesterday The resolution was amended in the second paragraph by striking out the words "and upon any such question there shall be no debate in either house," and by striking out the words and figures "Wed-November 29," and inserting the words and figures "Friday, December 1." party vote, Mr. Cochran voting with the Democrats.

tion stating that the House of Representatives were organized in Carolina Hall, with sixty-six members sworn in-more than a quorum-and that they were ready for the transaction of business. The President ruled the paper out of order and said that it could not be received unless so ordered by a vote of the Senate. Mr. Meetze appealed from the decision On the question of sustaining the decision of the Chair, the year was sustained.

Swails presented the protest of Y. J. P. Todd to a seat in the Senate; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Cochran introduced the following resolution, which was ordered for consid-

Whereas there exist grave doubts in the minds of many Senators as to the fact of a legal quorum existing in the House of Representatives as reported to this body yesterday; and whereas the determination of this question is of the highest importance to our future proceedings :

Resolved, That a committee of four be

appointed by the President of the Senate, composed of equal numbers from each of the two political parties, to inquire into this fact, and report as speedily as possible to the Senate all the facts necessary to settle this question.

Mr. Bowen presented the following

protest, to be entered on the journal: In accordance with notice given yester-State of South Carolina, beg leave to marched to the State House. Upon place upon record this our solemn protest against all proceedings by this and pressing it to her lips, while with which, in any degree, recognize the le-the other arm she hugged Rosic to her gality of a body calling itself the House of Representatives of South Carolina, "The lost is found!" was the shout over which E. W. M. Mackey claims to utterances lina makes each House the judge of the election return, and qualifications of its the lead. (Mr. Orr had said, upon one deep threats of vengeance when they own members." The Supreme Court of occasion, that although a small man, he heard his story, briefly and graphically this State has, by formal judgment, dedid not want to hurt anybody, but he cided that members from the counties of thought it likely he would go in.) At "Deal with him to-night; never let Edgefield and Laurens, who received the the door were a Deputy United States

United States overriding the plain declaration of the constitution of the State.

We have witnessed the solemn mockery of the corporal of the guard reviewing and reversing the judgment of the high est court. We have seen the spactacle, humiliating in the last degree to every right-minded American, of the halls of Legislature occupied at the hour of mid-night, and holding them against the ingress of the law-making power; and this at a time of the profoundest peace, and when not a single act of violence furnished the slightest pretext for the usurpation. We have seen the still more humiliating spectacle of United States troops having been placed under the immediate control, and receiving orders er's stand and took the chair. Col. Sloan, from, a citizen, without authority, and a partisan of the present administration. We have seen this citizen assuming absolute control over the capitol of a commonwealth, and admitting through the lines of armed sentinels his own partisans, upon his own edict or written pass from another citizen who was selected by

of the United States troops. We, therefore, enter this our protest against any recognition of the said body pretending to be the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina,

and for the following reasons:

1. The said body having organized without a constitutional quorum, there being but 59 members present, as shown by its own journal, whereas a majority of the entire representation is requisite to a quorum, to wit: sixty-three members, as set forth in the journals of the House during the past eight years, and as con-firmed by the immemorial practice of legislative bodies in every American Carolina, and was duly sworn in Car-Carolina, and was duly sworn in Carolina, and was duly sworn in Caro State; and we do further allege, on our responsibility as Senators, that the said body is still without a constitutional vides that the Legislature shall meet in organic character of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, and ought not to be recognized as such.

2. That said resolution was adopted by the Senate before any announcement was made of an organization by any House 3. That in fact, and in truth, no legal

and effectual organization of a House of the day before, and knowing from his Representatives was at that time made. 4. that the body of men claiming to be a House of Representatives, and from which the announcement of said organization came, has not and cannot organize, by reason of the non-existence of a quo-

5. We further and finally protest against the adoption of the said resolution, for this reason: That we have since received official notification of the organization of the House of Representatives, now sitting in Carolina Hall, where a quorum of legally constituted members does exist, and of which body Hon. William H. consent must keep order. I must again Karlse soon achieved the fortune Wallace has been elected Speaker, and John T. Sloan Clerk, G. CANNON,

T. B. JETER, W. A. EVANS, R. E. BOWEN, A. P. BUTLER, S. S. CRITTENDEN, W. L. BUCK, H. A. MEETZE. R. G. HOWARD, J. W LIVINGSTON, I. D. WITHERSPOON.

Mr. Cochran submitted the following protest, to be entered on the journal: As Senator, I do solemnly protest against any further communication with the House of Representatives, sitting in the other end of this building, until it be ascertained whether or not the said body is composed of a lawful quorum, as well

as the causes preventing the same.

THE LEGAL HOUSE.—The legal House which is composed of sixty-four Demo-erats and two Republicans, met in Caro-lina Hall, with Speaker Wallace in the chair, and occupied the time of its session in discussing the situation. The following notice was served upon the Abberille delegation:

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COLUMBIA, S. C., November 18, 1876. To Messrs. R. R. Hemphill, W. K. Bradley, T. L. Moore, F. A. Conner and Wm. Hood, Democratic Contestees of Abbe-

ville, S. C.: Take notice, that Messrs. W. H. Heard Wm. Pope, H. A. Wideman, B. F. Porter and Isaac White have filed notice of protest and contest in the matter of the election of members of the General Assembly and against your admission as members of the said House of Representatives from the said county of Abbeville.

The matter will be considered by the Committee on Privileges and Elections at 3 p. m. the 29th instant, at which time you will appear and answer, without fail.
WILL H. THOMAS, Chairman Committee.

As this paper originated in the bogus House, which has no authority under the laws of this State, no attention was paid to it, and there the matter ended. The legal House adjourned until 10

o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THE BOGUS HOUSE.—This body me in the State House with pretended Speaker Mackey in the chair. According to its own figures there was no quorum present, and the Sergeant-at-arms went out in quest of Tom Hamilton, colored, of Resufort. When he returned with him. Hamilton made a strong speech against was followed by Fritter, colored, from Sumter, upon the same side of the question. The Radical delegation from Barnwell was admitted to membership by a vote of 45 to 14 in the bogus House and were sworn in, after which this body adjourned to meet at 12 m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, Nov. 30. There was no session of the Senate to day.
THE Houses.-We give below the

proceedings of the two Houses as made up principally from the Register's report:
About 10 o'clock, the lawful House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina filed out of Carolina Hall and reaching the door, the two sentinels paced their beats, and when the Democrats applied for admission, they were permitted to pass unmolested. The soldiers had evidently received a new set of instructions, and had nothing to say about any-body going in the building who might wear the appearance of a civilized human being.

The lawful Legislature ascended in

solid body-Mr. James L. Orr being in him live to see morning; hang him at highest number of votes, were entitled to geant-at-Arms. As the members ap"Burn him at the stake, rather," cried admission to the hall and all participa"Burn him at the stake, rather," cried admission to the hall and all participatheir certificates of election. The doordiers of the United States, who barred keepers, hardly suspecting what was up, with bayonets the door of the hall of the were completely nonplussed. The door

as they passed the threshold they threw open the doors, and the whole Democratic body marched in. All was done perfectly in order, no unseemly haste being ob-servable. They then took their seats. The whole business was managed so perfectly that nobody connected with the bogus House had time to ask "Why

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manner in which they began to wall their eyes around created the impression upon the minds of the reporters that they thought judgment day had come, and that the devil had broke loose from some

ful Legislature, walked up to the Speakthe Clerk, took his position, while the Sergeant-at-Arms remained at the door with the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Radi-

partisans thus admitted claiming to or- press the matter, and went away.

Almost immediately after this scene and before anybody had time to take a

der, and Mackey ascended the Speaker's stand. Mackey, trembling like an aspen leaf with excitement, with blanched face, and gasping as if for breath, approached Gen. Wallace, and said :

this chair." Gen. Wallace remained seated, and re-

and those rights we intend to have."

Mackey then said: "I claim that I was elected Speaker of this House by a legal quorum of members legally sworn Hall. legal quorum of members, legally sworn We do not recognize that any other than those sworn in here on Tuesday last this chair."

request you to retire."
Mackey—The Sergeant-at-Arms will

please step forward and enforce my General Wallace-The Sergeant-at-

Arms will please step forward and my order.

cerned. Several Democrats and Radicals as cended the stand and stood behind their respective leaders. Neither Mackey nor General Wallace moved, and there was a general crowding toward the Speaker's stand, as if all parties anticipated a row -but no row occurred, both parties holding firm, and the two Sergeants-at-Arms stood looking at each other like two

A Democratic member then moved adjust the matter.

General Wallace thereupon appointed Messrs. Simpson, Allen, Shaw, Gibson,

Hamilton and Grant the committee. Mackey bawled out to his crowd to take no notice of General Wallace, and

hen made a prayer.
Mr. Gray, of Greenville, moved that the proper authorities be informed, that

General Wallace appointed the committee of three. Mackey here called out for all the del

Several Democrats were recognized by

respective Speakers.
At this stage Mackey consulted Gen. Dennis, who had been the chief cook and bottle-washer of the organization Mackey's Radical House, and sent him with a message to Chamberlain that he was disturbed by men not members of the House, and called upon him to send

troops to eject them.

Dennis departed smiling, which seemed to indicate that all would be fixed to suit

in a few moments, and the Democrats would be ejected. Double speeches continued for some time, and both Sergeants-at-Arms were

directed to stop them and seat the speakers, but all to no purpose.

Mr. Shepherd, of Edgefield, arose and

proposed a conference, and pledged him-self and the party to abide the result.

that Chamberlain could not give the State the peace and quiet she needed. was incapable to do so, even if he was willing, and he therefore hoped General Hampton would be declared Governor of the State. He said that he was a native Carolinian, and had all the love for her any man could have for the land of his birth, and it was this love for the State, which was greater than that he enter-tained for the men who had brought ruin upon it, which made him hope Hampton would be declared elected Governor.

style, laid the law and the facts down to them in good style, winding up by telling them if they didn't do something pretty soon, he thought at least six men in the House would go home and report to their constituents that nothing could be done. He was followed by a little monkeyisl

from "Boofort." This last speaker's name was Robinson, and he didn't want no "confrunce," no way you could fix it. He was "straightout for Chamberlun. fus', las', in de mornin', in de ebenin', an all night, an' all de time."

A dozen or more of such speeches of a similar character were made by the Radi-

General Ruger gave General Wallace notice that unless the hall was cleared of all parties other than members who held the certificates of the Board of Canvassers

A colored member moved to adjourn or for Mackey to order supper for his side of the House.

ocratic members would be allowed to enter on re-assembling.

hall, so that if they were excluded it should be done at the point of the bayo-

The following letter was sent to Gen. Ruger in reply to his notice to Speaker COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 30.

To General T. H. Ruger, Commanding United States Troops in South Caro-

Wallace, Speaker of the House of Representatives, that at 12 o'clock to-morrow, the members elect from Edgefield would not be allowed upon the floor of the House. To say that we are surprised at such an order after the explanations and pledges made by you to each one of us, is to use very mild language, when the outrage of Tuesday last was committed, by the placing of armed sentinels at the loor of the House of Representatives, who decided upon the admission of men. bers to their scats; and when the provisions of the Constitution, and the decision of the Supreme Court were brought to your attention, you distinctly, and warmly asserted, again and again, that your orders were misunderstood, and that you had not intended to have sentinels at the doors of the Hall, and that you had not, and did not intend to assume to decide upon the legality of any man's

You were then reminded by us, that

your guard received instructions from

one Dennis, a citizen and partisan of Gov. Chamberlain, to admit parties upon his own pass, or that of one Jones,

proceedings by the Republicans. The house has changed your line of duty. It is presumed that we should say, in conclusion, that we rely upon your position as a man, and your character as a soldier, to maintain your pledge of non-interference. The Democratic members from Edgefield and Laurens are members from Edgeheld and Laurens are entitled to their seats by the judgment of the Supreme Court of this State, and we have advised them to remain in that hall until removed by your troops, that the issue may be made in this, the Centennial year, of American Independence, whether we have a government of law 25. whether we have a government of law, as construed by the Courts, or a centralized

despotism, whose only law is force.

Let the American people behold the spectacle of a Brigadier General of the army, seated by the side of Gov. Chamberlain in a room of the State House, and issuing his orders to a Legislative hody, peacefully assembled in one of the original thirteen Commonwealth's of this

Respectfully yours,
JOHN B. GORDON,
WADE HAMPTON,

SHE WOULDN'T SPEAK TO HIM .-When a young Chicago man came down stairs the other morning he remembered that his wife, who was preparing break-fast, had not spoken to him when she got up, and so he cheerfully said: "Good

"Good morning," said he, again, in a righer key, thinking that she might not ave heard him before.

from her sealed lips, as she kept on with the work

me!" he exclaimed in surprise; "what's the matter? What have I done to offend

band, as he jumped up and knocked over a cup of coffee; "I don't swallow a mouthful of this breakfast until you tell me what's the matter?"
"What's the matter?" echoed she, sud-

denly turning upon him with flashing eyes. And then she continued: "John Adell Smithson, the next time that I dream I see you ki-sing another woman, I_I_I will leave the house-boo-

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night and laid down to sleep in her own

him if I was free of the enarge my mother left me on her death-bed.

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KOUNTZ THE CONJURER.

dropped lopelessly upon her hands, and she sat in this attitude until the sound of BY MARY E. BRYAN. meet the keen blue eyes of young Karlse, the Texan, galloping by on his wiry mustang. He reined in when he saw From the Sunny South. is fierce moustache and sword-like eye "Rosie has been gone since yesterday oon, and we cannot find her." Then

the Trumpet vine, that it seemed a part of the wild, beautiful nature around it. Out of its low door stepped a slender girl, with the olive skin, the black eyes and black-waved hair of the native Louisianian. Over the luxuriance of the hair was thrown a red-barred kerchief, and the girl farther shaded her eyes with her hand as she stood and looked first around the yard, then over into the fields and across to the grand open woods that snrrounder the clearing, all the time calling "Rosie," in a shrill but not unmusical voice. She stood still a moment, and then leaping the low fence as lightly as a fawn, ran down to the tiny runlet at the foot of the little rise on which the house stood, and searched among the bushes, whose greenness betrayed the water's A noisy crow mocked her call overhead, and scattered a handful of pecan nuts open her from the boughs he was robbing; an oriole flow out from a

Returning to the cabin, she took a horn from over the door and blew a blast upon it that set half a dozen dogs to yelping, and after the lapse of a few minutes, brought her brother, a boy of fif-teen, from the field.

clothes spotted with cotton flakes, and further ornamented by two or three striped caterpillars, which were industriously measuring the length of his panta-

up to the turnip patch." "She did come back, but she slipped

"Where is Wolf? He must be with

of little darkies that disappeared the year before and nobody ever saw hair or hide of them afterwards."

asleep over her play under some pecan tree," the boy added hastily, seeing the ghastly terror that overspread his sister's face at the mention of the alligator. In an hour they had searched the open woods for half a mile around, making them echo with the child's name, and looking carefully for little tracks, which they found in plenty around the house and in the patches, but the freshest were near the bank of the little stream close to

which she had come.

"Don' be gibben dis, now, before I come to-morrow," he said. "When I'm standin' by to gib it its right effeck, it'll down, but could not see no further sign of the little bare feet they were in search arry one, from de stomach, for all de world like spiders and scorpions. Now,

eagerly. "To-morrow," he said, and waved the visitors out. Then he turned trough in the yard, to be scooped up with wooden spoons and dirty palms. But if these people had rough exterito Maline, the twinkle of his small, red eye, under the gray, shaggy eye-brows, making her shiver with dread, but she at once told the object of her visit. He short, black pipe, stirred the fire and sat before it, smoking and looking into the coals. After awhile he rose, took down the bottles and boxes, and held its hide and sat silent, looking into the embers At last he spoke in a gutteral mutter

the bank. Far down as was the place, the searching party had been here, but apparently their examination had not

around her little home. Then, wretched cruel-hearted villain! Oh, my darling, and worn out with fatigue, she threw my baby?"

hugging the little bonnet to her breast; but when she heard the gallop of a horse, she stopped still and met her Texas lover with the stern, white face of the accuser. "This is her bonnet. I found it at the

"Maline, are you crazy? What do you mean? Where did you find that?" "Down at the bayou, where you drowned my darling, by the double ash tree and the old mill-wheel. I saw your

"I fished there two days ago, and waited for the alligator to rise. I've never been there since, I swear, and I've never set eyes on the child since I saw but idle breath. I didn't mean a word of it. I was mad because you refused to go with me and said your duty was to the children; but God knows I

Maline shuddered and walked on with-

and, dismounting, thundered upon the closed door with his heavy whip. The exhibited some sign of perturbation, which the bold, fierce look of the drover and the sight of the pisto' and bowie-knife in his belt might have well ex-

Karlse left him, after a keen survey of

"The alligator," was the thought that was in the minds of all, though nobody

"Now for spying the camp," he said.
"Awful cautious I shall have to be.

guide him. When he had crept cauiously close to it, and gone stealthily through which could be seen the light of side. Winter or summer the fire was never suffered to die out on the African's hearth; but except the smoke from the low chimney, no sign of it was to be seen outside the windowless hut, whose

the negro come to the door, look out, and mutter to himself. "Black night; good, jolly night—rain 'torm, maybe; jolly night." With a sinister chuckle, he closed the door and fastened it, rattling the heavy was abetted by the noise of the wind that blew fiercely at intervals, and made the limbs of the live-oak creak and sway against the roof of the cabin. The plug

he rose, walked to the door, bent down

good supper-ugh!"

He chuckled and smacked his lips

snake will jump right on you and twist hisself round your neck and bite you right in de eyes. You see him, ch? As he sooke he lifted the head of the large, stuffed rattle-snake that had hung by the door, and which was now coiled

on a stool in front of the child:

Her gaze of fascinated terror turned upon the horrible reptile, whose scaly olds and open jaws were horribly life-

"Why you no eat de pap I carry down

He took a teacup from the shelf and wood that was left burning in the firetried to force a spoonful of the soft mess it contained into the child's mouth.
"Eat; it'll be de bess for you. you won't, and dat's de eend of it. Neb-

Once more he shuffled to the door. topped and listened. Then, muttering Yas, yas; good night for good supper, he proceeded to throw more pine-knots

his movements with a stupid stare in her edge of the knife, and seemed satisfied bird, when suddenly he threw a sack that it was sharp; then, thrusting it in over her head, stifled her cries, and ran his bosom, he took up the snake, wound with her down the stream, which washed it around his neck, and struck up a chant away his tracks, till he reached the point and a shuffling step, with which he moved in a circle before the child with his eyes

wide eyes fastened on that terrible face, now full of the carniverous ferocity and agerness of the beast that scents blood. But before the blow descended, the murderer was startled from his anticipated door was burst open and the Texan leaped in and darted for the conjuror, who, with his back braced against the wall, stood at bay, the big knife brand-ished in his hand, a dull, desperate glare in his reptile eye. He sprange at Karlse as the latter advanced upon him, and

his knees gibbering for mercy.

With his teeth clenched and breathing

A long shiver passed over the child; she clasped her deliverer's neck convulsively, then burst out crying and sobbing.
"Thank God!" exclaimed the Texan,

hopeless idiocy. Still, as yet she had not spoken. He soothed her as tenderly

the floor, and threw its great coils on the blazing wood coals.
"You want me to take you home now,

his steady, regular gallop, that soon prought them to Rosie's home. Maline was walking the little porch, mable to be still, or to listen to the wellmeant consolation of some of the neigh-

began, then checked herself with a cry as Karles laid her sister in her arms.

"It tion in its organization by the armed sol-All, with the exception of the women, House of Representatives, and acted at was opened to pass the first members at started at once for the confurer's hut, Judges of the "election returns and qua" the head of the procession, and as soon pair of patient leather boots; who hailed England at \$15 and \$20.

things were thusly?"
About forty negro members inside looked perfectly dumb-founded, and the

quarter. Gen. Wallace, the Speaker of the law

cal body. Gen. Hampton, about this time, approached the door, and asked to be pernitted to enter, but was refused by the Radical Sergeant-at-Arms. This came his partisans to organize a House of Representatives. We have seen this body of ceiving which, Gen. Hampton declined to

Supreme Court and under the protection | second thought, Mackey and his Clerk, A. O. Jones, with United States Detec-tive Hubbard and several others, were seen to pass the door.

Gen. Wallace called the House to or-

"Gen. Wallace, you will please vacate

"I have been elected by a majority of quorum, and therefore wanting in the the city of Columbia, on the fourth Tuesday in November. It makes no provision that the House shall be organized in this hall. On Tuesday last, a majority of the members of the House of Representatives, with certificates of election, were refused admission. They then retired to Carolina Hall and organized, with a membership of sixty six, who, according to the constitution, were duly sworn in and officers elected. We are here in pursuance of our rights under the constitution of the State of South Carolina. We desire to oppress no man; to deprive no man o his rights on this floor. We desire to claim only the rights that belong to us,

> demand that you, General Wallace, leave General Wallace replied: "I have al ready declared that I am the legally elected Speaker of this House, and must

> The two Sergeants-at-Arms marched up the aisle together, and each obeyed the orders given them so far as making their appearance on the stand was con-

chicken cocks when pitted for a figi t. that a committee of six be appointed to

ordered Jones, to call the roll, which none but Radicals answered. Mackey asked for somebody to pray. Thomas, a mulatto, from Newberry

a band of insurgeants were interrupting the lawful House of Representatives of South Carolina, and that they be removed

egates to come forward and be sworn. General Wallace did the same. Nobody came forward. General Wallace when they arose to speak while Mackey recognized Radicals in the same way. In a few moments a half dozen were on the floor, all at one time and all speaking, addressing their

him in short order.

Mackey then turned to his mob and told them that order would be restored

Everything was hubbub and confusion up to this point, when N. B. Myers, a colored Republican member from Beau-fort, made a speech, in which he declared

Hamilton, in his independent kind o

cals, the Democrats generally quietly biding their time, all hands eating their suppers in the hall, and seeming resolved

by 12 o'clock to-morrow, he should, with troops, drive them out. He also directs that the Democratic delegates elected from Edgefield and Laurens vacate their

Gen. Ruger made a proposition for ooth Houses to adjourn until to-morrow. Speaker Wallace asked if all the Dem-

Gen. Ruger said no, that Edgefield and Laurens would be excluded. Thereupon the two Houses resolved to try to out set each other, and two cart loads of supper were sent down to the Democrats, who took their meals in the

DEAB SIR-We have just heard through Maj. McGinnis, of your Staff, that your order communicated to Mr.

had, through armed force, excluded all delegates from the hall until the Republican organization was completed. You assured us again that such were not your orders. You were told by us that notwithstanding the perpetration of this irrepressible shame upon our institutions, and the rights of the people, the evils could still be remedied without any violence or bloodshed, by the simple withdrawal of your guard from the doors of members may have a fair struggle with the Republicans, and by a fair majority of the votes, decide all questions in accordance with the law, and the usages of the legislative bodies. You stated that no troops shall be at the door, and that under no circumstances would you inter-fere, except there should occur a serious disturbance of the peace. You affirm your determination to exercise no supervisory control whatever over the body or bodies claiming to be the House of Representatives. All this occurred on yesterday. Last night, in a later interview with Senator Gordon, you made the same assertion, and this p. m., after both bodies were assembled in the hali, you assured Gen. Hampton that under no circumstances would you interfere except to keep the peace. What now can justify our astonishment at the issuance of such an order as the one just sent by you? There is no breach of the peace, and no prospect of serious disturbances. You had it officially brought to your knowledge that a general good humor prevails in that hall. We cannot refrain from expressing the apprehension of the fact, that a number of leading Republicans are taking issue with the legality of the

norning, little lady " Not a word came in reply.

"Um-'m-'m," was all that escaped

"Um-'m-'m," was still the only ound elicted.
"Look here!" then exclaimed the hus